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### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued February 12, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Claims: 1, 4  
Cited Literature: 1  
Remarks

Illumination of an input part is a well-known technical matter to a person skilled in the art.

Claim: 2  
Cited Literature: 1, 2  
Remarks

Application of the invention in the Cited Literature 1 in a mobile telephone is readily accomplished by a person skilled in the art. Establishing a mode as a data input mode or the like is recognized as a design matter for a person skilled in the art.

Claims: 3, 5  
Cited Literature: 1-3  
Remarks

The Cited Literature 3 describes the reducing of luminance during an input operation.

Claim: 6  
Cited Literature: 1-4  
Remarks

Exercise of backlight control by means of a program is no more than a design matter for a person skilled in the art (see the Cited Literature 4 if necessary).

Claim: 7  
Cited Literature: 1-5  
Remarks

Display of selection instructions for input of settings is a well-known technical matter to a person skilled in the art (see the Cited Literature 5 if necessary).

Claim: 8  
Cited Literature: 1-6  
Remarks

Adjustment of luminance by means of resistance is a well-known technical matter to a person skilled in the art (see the Cited Literature 6 if necessary).

Claim: 9  
Cited Literature: 1-7  
Remarks

Intermittent control to adjust the brightness of illumination is a well-known technical matter to a person skilled in the art (see the Cited Literature 7 if necessary).

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-168541
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-154900
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-26837
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-160805
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-126118
6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S64-61791
7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H5-127626

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched  
IPC 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. G09G 3/18, 36  
Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-197939

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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